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## CITY OF HARRISON

### COUNCIL MINUTES

**1 MARCH 2016**

*Prior to the meeting, an invocation was read by Council member Ryan Grubbs.*

Council met in regular session with Mayor William Neyer presiding. Members present included: Mrs. Cindy Abrams, Mr. Ray Acra, Mr. Ethan Dole, Mr. Ryan Grubbs, Mr. Mark Louis, Mr. Hank Menninger, and Mr. Randy Shank. Mr. Bill Deters, Law Director was not in attendance. Mr. Ryan LaFlamme sat in for Mr. Deters.

The meeting opened at 7:30 pm. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Shank made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grubbs to approve the Council meeting minutes for February 16, 2016 with one correction on the addendum part of the meeting. Mrs. Abrams name was spelled incorrectly. Mr. Shank made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grubbs to approve the Executive Session Meeting minutes for February 16, 2016. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

Mr. Grubbs made a motion, seconded by Mr. Louis to approve the Purchase Orders Report. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

Mr. Shank made a motion, seconded by Mr. Louis to approve the January Finance Report. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

Mayor Neyer requested the approval of the appointment of Angelina Burton to the Tax Incentive Review Commission. Mr. Grubbs made a motion, seconded by Mr. Menninger to approve the appointment of Angelina Burton to the Tax Incentive Review Commission.

#### **Visitors**

Lori Gischel, director of marketing and member services of the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) addressed council to provide a summary of information pertaining to RITA's programs and tax administrative services for the years 2014 and 2015. Ms Gischel responded to questions from council members and residents in attendance with regards to logistical problems, customer services, and concerns with the tax forms.

#### **Mayor Report**

Mayor Neyer had no report.

Mr. Menninger made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shank to add an item to the agenda regarding the approval of an ordinance. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

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Mr. Menninger made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grubbs to approve an ordinance to amend Chapter 145 of the Harrison Codified Ordinances. Roll Call: All – yea. (Ordinance #1 – 2016).

#### **Law Director Report**

Mr. LaFlamme had no report.

#### **Council – Committee Reports**

##### **Mrs. Abrams:**

**Economic Development Committee:** The committee met on March 1. The Harrison High School Flag Club is in the process of redesigning the Harrison City Flag. They will be in attendance during the April 19 council meeting to present their creations. Mrs. Abrams met with business owners during “The District” monthly meeting. They discussed the plans for upcoming events.

**Civil Defense/Safety Committee:** No report.

##### **Mr. Menninger:**

**Fire & Emergency Medical Committee:** Mr. Menninger spoke briefly about Storm Spotter Training Class held at West Chester Hospital on January 25.

The Fire Committee will continue their long range planning session on Saturday, March 5 at 10:30 am at Station 56. The Fire Committee will hold their next regular meeting on March 15 immediately after the 6:00 pm Police Committee meeting.

**Law Committee:** The Law Committee met on March 1 and the Steering Committee from the long range Master Plan has commitments from 13 residents. The committee is looking for a volunteer from the Parks of Whitewater area. The committee should begin meeting in April or May. Pending legislation, the President has advocated cuts to Home Security in the 2017 budget. These cuts will affect law enforcement all over the country, including Harrison is the legislation is approved. Contact your representatives, Steve Chabot, Sherrod Brown or Rob Portman and let them know you do not want to see those cuts adopted.

Mr. Menninger reported the IKRON complaint was voluntarily dismissed on February 4.

**TIRC:** No report.

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Mr. Grubbs:

Utilities Committee: The Utilities Committee met on March 1. Harrison has an active plan in place to monitor lead and copper in our water system. All the lines around the city do not contain lead. The Harrison water supply is part of an EPA 3 year monitoring system.

Recreation Commission: The commission's annual Easter egg hunt will take place on Saturday, March 26. There will be games from 10:00 – 11:00 with the Egg Hunt beginning at 11:00 am. Boy Scout Troop 408 will have their Pancake Breakfast from 8:00 – 11:00 am for a cost of \$5.00. All events will take place at the Community Center.

Mr. Grubbs reminded residents that this year's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and activities will be held on Sunday, July 3. The next meeting of the Harrison Recreation Commission is scheduled for March 9 at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Louis:

Police Committee: Mr. Louis had no report, but announced the next meeting of the Police Committee will be held on March 15 at 6:00 pm.

Mr. Dole:

Information Technology Committee: The committee met on March 1 and discussed providing public and private WiFi for the Community Center. The new website is now in operation and work has begun on uploading all City Council minutes back to 2005.

Personnel Committee: The committee will hold their next meeting on April 5 at 5:30 pm.

Solid Waste & Environmental Committee: No report.

ICRC: No report.

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Mr. Acra:

Planning Commission: The next Planning Commission meeting will take place on March 8 at 7:30 pm.

Building & Lands Committee: The committee has begun a review of city owned property with information accessed from Hamilton County records. The committee will present a report to council in order to decide what to do with some of the small pockets of property.

Storm water Committee: No report.

Mr. Shank:

OKI: The next meeting will take place on March 10.


Budget & Finance Committee: The next Finance Committee will take place on March 15 at 5:15 pm.

Streets/Bike Path Committee: The Streets Committee met on March 1. Bids for Etta and Sycamore will be held by the end of the year with anticipating repaving in 2017. There will be a mill and fill repair on New Haven Road by Parks of Whitewater. The committee discussed a construction schedule for Miller Court, Sunset, and South Elm. The revised schedule shows storm sewer work from March 14 to April 30 and curb, aprons, and walks from May 2 to June 4. Excavation of existing pavement and replacement of stone and asphalt base is scheduled for June 6 to July 1. Utility adjustments, surface asphalt, and final restorations will take place from July 4 to July 22.

Mr. Shank made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grubbs to enter into an executive session for the purpose of discussing matters relating to personnel. **Roll Call: All – yea.**

There being no further business, council entered into executive session.

  
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William Neyer, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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Carol Wiwi, Clerk